damage to the environment. Measures taken include prevention and control of pollution through legislation viz., Air (prevention and control of pollution) Act, 1981, Water (prevention and control of pollution) Act, 1974 as amended upto the 1988, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Bio- Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1988, National Environment Tribunal Act, 1995, National Environment Appellate Authority Act, 1997, the Environment (protection) (Second Amendment) Rules, 1999— Emission Standards for New Generator Sets, Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1999 notification., etc; Mandatory Environment Impact Assessment of Development Projects to mitigate damage to Environment; Emphasis on Pollution Prevention rather than end of the Pipe Pollution Control; Fiscal incentives to the industries for adopting cleaner production technology; an allocation of Rs. 850 crores made for 2000-2001 for implementing various schemes of the Ministry of Environment including Control of Pollution and Afforestation.

Misuse of MPLADS Fund

2440. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former CBI Director has revealed about misuse MPLADS fund for "Personal Purposes";

(b) if so, whether the matter has been probed and the result thereof; and

(c) if not, the action proposed to ensure proper utilisation of MPLADS fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) A copy of the letter dated 8.4.1999 addressed to Chief Vigilance Commissioner by Shri Joginder Singh, former Director, CBI was received through Central Vigilance Commissioner. The main thrust of the letter of Shri Joginder Singh was that a quota of money has been made available to the present Members of

Parliament for using the same with complete discretion. A reply was sent to the Central Vigilance Commissioner on 26.4.1999 pointing out that under the Scheme, the MPs are required to identify and recommend to the District Collector, only such works which are based on locally felt needs leading to creation of durable assets. The guidelines give two illustrative lists of works—one that can be taken up under the scheme and other of works not permissible under the scheme. The District Collectors are required to implement only those works which are permissible under the guidelines and are technically feasible. Hence, if these guidelines are strictly complied with, there are little chances of misues of funds.

(c) Does not arise.

Estimated Growth of GDP

2441. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the estimated growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the target is not likely to be achieved;

(c) if so, reasons therefor;

(d) the details of estimated growth of GDP during the year 2000-2001; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The growth of Gross Domestic Product during the current year 1999-2000 is estimated at 5.9 per cent.

(b) the yearly targets of Gross Domestic Product are not fixed. However,